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In re Application of
Donald K. Wright, et al.
Application No. 09/415,696
Filed: October 12, 1999
Attorney Docket No. 21276-9044

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 8, 2001, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed July 26, 2000, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 27, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 13, 2001.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for review of the "Response to First Office Action" filed August 8, 2001.

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